

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action mailed October 4, 2006. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5-7, 12, and 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-4, 8-11, and 13-16 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizzy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,859,996) in view of Hogan (U.S. Patent No. 6,264,637) and Landau (U.S. Patent No. 4,592,742).

In view of the amendments above, and the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-4, 8-11, and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizzy et al. in view of Hogan and Landau. Without acknowledging the propriety of the rejection, and in the interest in furthering the prosecution of the application, the Applicants have amended the independent claims to more particularly recite the invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for suggesting allowable claim language during the discussion of September 28, 2006, with Phaedra E. Paul (Registration No. 56,366). Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 13, and 14 to clarify that the marking assembly is activated upon the conclusion of an injection sequence. Applicants believe the amended claims are allowable and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

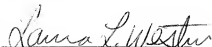
Conclusion

It is believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540.

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